

# UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the **Finance Sub-Committee** held remotely via Zoom,  
on Monday 15 February 2021 at 6.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. P. Sparks (Chairman) Cllr. C. Macve  
Cllr. J. Beesley Cllr. D. Ward  
Cllr. B. Cox (Vice-Chairman)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

24 members of the public  
1 member of press

Sarah D'Alessio – Assistant Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
Holly Goring – Town Clerk

Minutes taken by Sarah D'Alessio

The Chairman welcomed all those present and set out the order of the meeting as a result of it taking place online for the first time. Applicants would be invited to speak in the order in which the applications were listed (*this was in the order that they had been received at the Town Council*). Applicants were advised that they could speak for up to two minutes and questions may be asked by members to clarify details of their application.

The Chairman summarised how many applications had been received.

**1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members and officers were reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on this agenda

The Town Clerk read out the various declarations of interest submitted by members of the Finance Sub-Committee, and advised where they could speak but not vote, or not participate at all. This part of the meeting also set out the dispensations that had been given in respect of certain applications, where members may have had a personal interest through knowing another council member involved in an organisation. Dispensations would allow the members to participate fully in both the discussion and vote, and for the meeting to be able to continue.

**2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

**3.0. MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee held on the 6 January 2021.

**FS.06.02.21**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee of the 6 January 2021 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4.0 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM APPLICANTS FOR THE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMME 2021/22**

**FS.07.02.21**

Members of Finance Sub-Committee **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders to allow grant applicants to speak.

The various representatives attending the meeting were then asked to provide a summary of their application and any additional information which may support their application.

Committee members asked a number of questions to which the representatives responded.

Following the presentations from those attending and questions from Committee members, the Chairman reminded the representatives of the subsequent format of the meeting.

**FS.08.02.21**

The meeting then resumed and it was **RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Orders.

The Chairman thanked attendees for their applications and for their time. The Chairman advised that the meeting would now move into confidential business to able members of Finance Sub-Committee to discuss the applications in detail and recommend the allocation of grant funding. These recommendations would be presented to General Purposes Committee on 8 March 2021 for review and ratification.

**5.0 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

**FS.09.02.21**

It was **RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

5.1

To consider the allocation of grants

Committee members worked through and considered each individual grant application on its own merits to consider whether funding should be provided, and if provided, how much. The figures and recommendations of the Finance Sub-Committee would be reviewed and ratified by General Purposes Committee at their next meeting on 8 March 2021.

**FS.10.02.21**

Members of the Finance Sub-Committee worked through the allocation of grant funding and **RESOLVED** to recommend to the General Purposes Committee that the following grants be awarded.

<b>Community Grant Funding under the General Power of Competence</b>	
The Uckfield Housebound & Friendship Club	£220.00
Family Support Work	£1,500.00
Age Concern Uckfield and District	£420.00
Uckfield Allotments Bee Club	£500.00
The Royal British Legion	£403.00
Uckfield Theatre Guild	£600.00
Uckfield Festival Association	£3,000.00
Uckfield Bonfire & Carnival Society	£3,000.00
St. Wilfrid's Hospice	£1,000.00
Uckfield Community Orchestra	£150.00
Uckfield Community Radio Limited (Uckfield FM)	£1,500.00
St Peter & St James Hospice	£1,000.00
East Sussex Hearing	£0.00
Ridgewood Village Hall Committee	£1,000.00
The Luxford Centre	£1,000.00
Wealden Works	£2,000.00
Maresfield Village Meadows Trust	£1,000.00
ATC 2530 (Uckfield Squadron)	£0.00
Uckfield & District Preservation Society	£1,000.00
Counselling for Students at Uckfield College	£2,000.00
Uckfield Community Fridge CIC	£1,500.00
Children with Cancer Fund	£500.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>£23,293.00</b>
<b>Wealden Citizens Advice (Section 142 Grant funding)</b>	<b>Decision to be taken at GP Committee on 8 March 2021 £ 8,000.00</b>
<b>Volunteer Centre Service Level Agreement</b>	

<b>Summary:</b>	
<b>General Power of Competence Grant funding</b>	<b>£23,293.00 (out of £27,500.00)</b>
<b>Section 142 Grant funding Wealden Citizens Advice</b>	<b>Decision to be taken at GP Committee on 8 March 2021</b>
<b>Volunteer Centre Service Level Agreement</b>	<b>£ 8,000.00</b>

The meeting closed at 21.58pm.